



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2017-2018 Virginia Standards of Learning Test Administration Schedule

The state schedule for the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for the 2017-2018 school year is included as an attachment to this memorandum and is available on the Department of Education's Web site on the [SOL Test Administration and Development](#) page. Please share these dates with appropriate personnel so that SOL testing and other activities for the 2017-2018 school year may be scheduled without conflicts.

Fall 2017 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The fall 2017 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, October 16, 2017 to Friday, November 3, 2017**. Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2018 may have an additional online testing opportunity if they are not successful on their first attempt. The first online test opportunity for Term Graduate students must be administered between **Monday, October 16, 2017 and Friday October 27, 2017**. If a Term Graduate student fails the first attempt, the student may be administered a second online EOC Writing test during the Term Graduate second attempt test window scheduled from **Monday, November 13, 2017 to Friday, December 8, 2017**.

Fall 2017 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the fall 2017 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of October 16, 2017. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, October 16, 2017 or Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, October 18, 2017**. Students who are absent on the date of the statewide paper short-paper component will respond to a different writing prompt, the alternate prompt, during the make-up period. Term Graduate students completing paper tests will be provided two testing opportunities. All paper SOL Writing tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, November 3, 2017**.

Fall 2017 SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The fall 2017 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, November 27, 2017 to Friday, February 23, 2018**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for grades 6 through 8, Content Specific History (CSH), and EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the fall. The VMAST grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests and VMAST Algebra I and EOC Reading tests also will be available for administration in fall 2017 to eligible students who need to pass these tests for graduation. Prior to the test administration, each Division Director of Testing (DDOT) will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the fall 2017 Non-Writing SOL tests within the statewide test window.

Spring 2018 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The spring 2018 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, March 5, 2018 to Friday, April 6, 2018**. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2018 grade 8 and EOC SOL Writing tests online within the statewide test window.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2018 may have an additional online testing opportunity if they are not successful on their first test attempt. The first online test opportunity for Term Graduate students must be administered between **Monday, March 5, 2018 and Friday, March 16, 2018**. If a Term Graduate student fails the first attempt, the student may be administered a second online EOC Writing test during the Term Graduate second attempt test window scheduled from **Monday, April 9, 2018 to Friday, April 27, 2018**.

Spring 2018 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the spring 2018 grade 8 or EOC SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify one test window for the division from three possible paper test window options as follows:

- Option 1 (also the Term Graduate test window): The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 5, 2018 or Tuesday, March 6, 2018**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**.
- Option 2: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 12, 2018 or Tuesday, March 13, 2018**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**.
- Option 3: The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered either **Monday, March 19, 2018 or Tuesday, March 20, 2018**. The short-paper component of the paper tests will be administered **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**. All tests, including any make-up tests, must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, March 30, 2018**.

Term Graduate students scheduled to graduate by August 31, 2018 with a documented need for a paper test will be provided two testing opportunities. The paper version of the SOL Writing test will be administered during the Term Graduate test window, also Option 1, as described above. These tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**, to ensure the availability of test results prior to spring graduation.

Spring 2018 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The spring 2018 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, April 9, 2018 to Friday, June 22, 2018**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for grades 3 through 8, CSH, and EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the spring. The VMAST grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests and VMAST Algebra I and EOC Reading tests also will be available for administration in spring 2018 to eligible students needing to pass these tests for graduation. Prior to the test administration, each DDOT will be asked to identify when the school division will administer the spring 2018 Non-Writing SOL tests to Term Graduate students and other students taking EOC, grades 3 through 8, and CSH tests within the statewide test window.

Summer 2018 Online SOL Writing Tests:

The summer 2018 statewide online SOL Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, July 9, 2018 to Friday, July 27, 2018**. Two online EOC Writing test opportunities will be available to Term Graduate students, but in contrast to the fall 2017 and spring 2018 online SOL Writing test administrations, test results from the first test attempt will not be available prior to the administration of a second online test attempt. The two online Writing test attempts will be administered to Term Graduate students during the summer online SOL Writing test window (July 9 – July 27, 2018).

Summer 2018 Paper SOL Writing Tests:

Students with a documented need for a paper test who are scheduled to take the summer 2018 SOL Writing test should be administered paper versions of the appropriate SOL Writing test during the week of July 9, 2018. The multiple-choice component of the paper SOL Writing tests will be administered on either **Monday, July 9, 2018 or Tuesday, July 10, 2018**. The short-paper component of the paper tests must be administered statewide on **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**. Students who are absent on the date of the statewide paper short-paper component will respond to a different writing prompt, the alternate prompt, during the make-up period. Term Graduate students completing paper tests will be provided two EOC Writing test opportunities during the SOL Writing test window. All paper SOL Writing tests must be completed and answer documents shipped for scoring by **Friday, July 20, 2018**.

Summer 2018 Online and Paper SOL Non-Writing Tests:

The summer 2018 statewide online SOL Non-Writing test window is scheduled from **Monday, June 11, 2018 to Friday, September 14, 2018**. School divisions will continue to have flexibility in determining their testing windows for EOC Non-Writing SOL tests administered in the summer. The grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests, VMAST grade 8 Reading and Mathematics tests, and VMAST Algebra I and EOC Reading tests also will be available for administration in summer 2018 to eligible students who need to pass these tests for graduation.

Questions concerning the schedule for the state assessment program should be directed to student assessment staff at Student_Assessment@doe.virginia.gov or by phone at (804) 225-2102.

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Attachment:

- A. [2017-2018 Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments: Test Administration Dates](#) (PDF)